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Mario Alvarado Indicted for Rape
DNA Leads Authorities to Defendant 13 Years After Crime

Rochester, NY- An indictment was unsealed before Judge Joanne Winslow this morning accusing 34 year old Mario Alvarado with Rape in the First Degree and Sodomy in the First Degree for an attack that occurred against a Rochester woman over 13 years ago. Known only as John Doe prior to today's arraignment, authorities determined Alvarado's involvement in the April 2000 rape after his DNA returned a match using the Combined DNA Index System, or *CODIS*, a national DNA database used to catalog and compare the DNA of convicted criminals with biological evidence found at crime scenes. Though police learned of the CODIS match in the closing days of 2012, Alvarado fled the state and went into hiding, remaining at large until he was discovered living in Connecticut in July of this year by Deputy U.S. Marshals. As a grand jury had handed down a sealed indictment against Alvarado two months earlier, Marshals were able to act swiftly to take Alvarado into custody.

Elizabeth Buckley, a specialized Sex Crimes prosecutor with the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, will prosecute the case for the People.

"Today's arraignment was the culmination several months of excellent police work and information sharing across multiple agencies," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Thanks to DA Investigator Robert Siersma, the U.S. Marshals, and the incredible work of RPD, NYS Parole, and the technicians in our County Public Safety Lab, Mario Alvarado will finally face justice and his victim will no longer have to live in fear."

Alvarado is being held in the Monroe County jail. He will appear in court again in the coming weeks with counsel for motion arguments preceding trial.

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